

Citizens may comment on a permit for the withdrawal of ground water in Hanover County, Virginia

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** JUNE 15, 2006, to July 14, 2006

**PERMIT NAME:** Ground Water Withdrawal Permit

Any person or facility that proposes to withdraw 300,000 gallons per month or more in a ground water management area may have to submit a permit application to the Department of Environmental Quality, which is under the authority delegated by the State Water Control Board.

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To invite the public to comment on the draft permit.

**APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:** Hanover County, P.O. Box 470, Hanover, VA 23069; GW0001701

**NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL:** Sinclair Manor Subdivision; one well located on Doolittle Drive approximately six tenth of a mile west of the intersection of Crown Hill Road (State Route 632) and Beatties Mill Road (State Route 634) in the southeastern part of Hanover County, Virginia.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Hanover County has applied for re-issuance of a permit for a public water supply in Hanover County, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 14,548 gallons per day. The ground water withdrawal will support a public water supply for the Sinclair Subdivision. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Middle Potomac Aquifer at a depth between 255 feet to 382 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which ground water is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit.

**HOW A DECISION IS MADE:** After public comments have been considered and addressed by the permit or other means, DEQ will decide whether to issue the permit or to conduct a public hearing. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. If there is a public hearing, the State Water Control Board will make the final decision.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** DEQ accepts comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must be in writing; contain a brief statement on how the proposal affects the person commenting, other users or the aquifer; and be received by DEQ during the comment period. The public also may request a public hearing. If a public hearing is requested, the written comments should also include the reason for holding a hearing and related factual concerns.

**TO REVIEW THE DRAFT PERMIT AND APPLICATION:** The public may review the documents at the DEQ - Piedmont Regional Office every work day by appointment.

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